GRAND JURY APPEARANCES AND SOURCES AND METHODS

- 1. Some current and former Agency employees may be called by the Office of Independent Counsel (OIC) to testify before a Grand Jury looking into the so-called Iran/Contra matter. The OIC has agreed to be sensitive to our concern about the need to protect intelligence sources and methods.
- 2. The OIC does not anticipate that it will generally seek to develop sources and methods information, and has stated that it will limit the elicitation of that information to the degree that is absolutely necessary to its investigation.
- 3. The OIC agrees that Agency witnesses can answer questions in a step-by-step process to avoid revealing unnecessary sensitive sources and methods information. For example, if an answer can initially be given which will answer the question generically, it should be so answered. Specific source identities should not be revealed unless called for specifically, and then only in accordance with the process outlined below.
 - (A) To the extent it can, the OIC will attempt to alert the witnesses in advance to those areas in which it will seek sensitive sources and methods information. If Agency concerns have been resolved in advance, information in such areas may be provided.
 - (B) If sources and methods information which hasn't been raised in advance is sought during the course of the Grand Jury appearance, the OIC has agreed that an OGC attorney can be available outside the Grand Jury room. If the witness is unsure how to answer, or if the question would call for the identity of a source whose safety would be in jeopardy if the identity were to be disclosed in an unauthorized manner, the witness may request to talk to the OGC attorney in an effort to resolve the issue. It is expected that this procedure will be very much the exception rather than the rule.
- 4. No current or former Agency employee who is a witness may give a final refusal to answer a question on the grounds that it would be an unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods unless the witness has the express approval of the Director of Central Intelligence.

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